

Learners in driver's seat

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Deputy Mayor Russell Lutton with Chisholm Catholic College students Allison Moloney and Dylan Lovett. Photo: Contributed

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LOGAN'S youngest drivers have been given a helping hand in developing essential skills for life at Logan Metro Indoor Sports Centre.

The RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) program, provided by Road Safety Education, has been delivered to Rivermount College and Chisholm Catholic College, providing lessons about road safety.

Logan Road Safety Advisory Committee Chairperson and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Russell Lutton, said he was proud council could provide such a great facility for the program, which is supported by local Rotary clubs.

"From talking to the kids who were involved, it was clear they had all learned something that will keep them safe when they are on the road," Cr Lutton said.

"I congratulate the Rotary Club volunteers from Logan and Beenleigh for their support of the program.

"It's very important that we create a positive attitude to driving in young people, and I think it should be compulsory for all young drivers to attend a program like this so they understand the consequences of having a licence.

"It's a privilege to be able to drive, and cars can be dangerous if not handled correctly, but it's not only being aware of what you are doing as a driver, but being able to respond if someone else does something silly."

The RYDA program included a range of demonstrations as well as special sessions with a woman who became a paraplegic after a car accident, police officers and other driving professionals.

Chisholm Catholic College Year 11 students Allison Moloney and Dylan Lovett said they had benefitted from attending the program.

"I have my learners (permit) and I'm looking forward to putting what we've learnt today into practice," Allison said.

The RYDA program will return to Logan Metro later this year. For more information, visit www.rse.org.au.